

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not allow a few BIG BUSINESSES to control America's ability to communicate and innovate, particularly at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. I implore you please don't permit this concentration of our ability to communicate. Particularly, in light of the excesses of big businesses in the last several months (Worldcom, Enron, Etc.).

Thank you.